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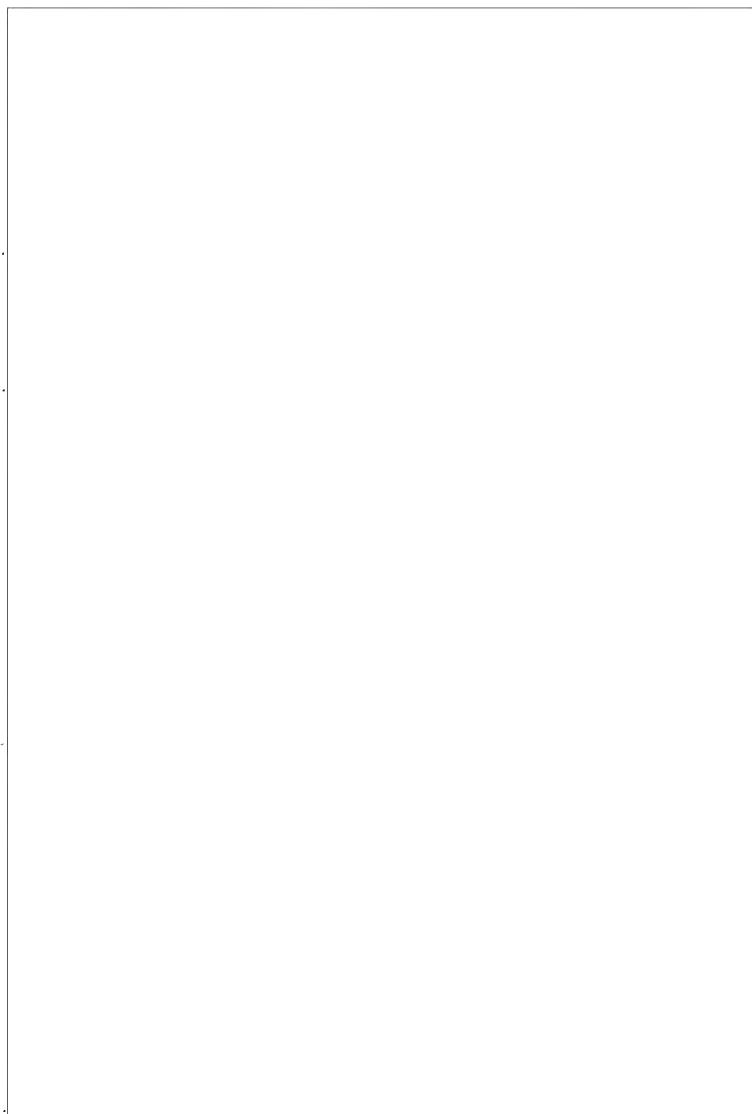
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LATE ITEM

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Cuba-US



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1. Communist
Agriculture

a. The Soviet harvest is nearly in, and our studies show that this year's grain crop was about 120-125 million tons. Last year's was about 95 million.

b. This will make large-scale imports unnecessary, and will permit a start to be made on rebuilding state grain reserves, badly depleted after last year's poor crop.

c. Eastern Europe, with another mediocre crop this year, has already contracted to import 3.8 million tons of grain from the West to tide it over until the next harvests. Poland may be in the market for another million tons from the US.

d. Growing conditions for the important late rice crop in Communist China, now being harvested, have been fair to good. The outlook is for an over-all grain and tuber take slightly up from last year, but China is still importing more than ever before.

2. Cyprus

a. UN troops spotted two large crates (6x6x8 feet), prominently marked "USSR," being trucked through Limassol yesterday morning.

b. They are probably the result either of an earlier economic deal or of an effort by Makarios' supporters to fake some tangible results of the recent Moscow talks.

c. As far as we can tell the best the Greek Cypriots got out of Moscow in the way of military goods was a promise to send along aging "defensive" weapons at a later date.

d. Makarios, in the anglophobic atmosphere of Cairo, has for the first time come out flatly against foreign bases on Cyprus. This is likely to add impetus to a planned march on one of the British bases this weekend, which the Communists have been trying to stir up.

e. Greek Cypriot Minister of Interior Georkatzis, a Grivas supporter, admits that the general's popularity is slipping. There have been reports of clashes between pro-Grivas and pro-Makarios factions.

3. Congo

a. Tshombé left Cairo this morning and is flying to Paris for a brief stay before returning to the Congo. The staffs of the UAR and Algerian embassies in Leopoldville were allowed to cross the river to Brazzaville yesterday.

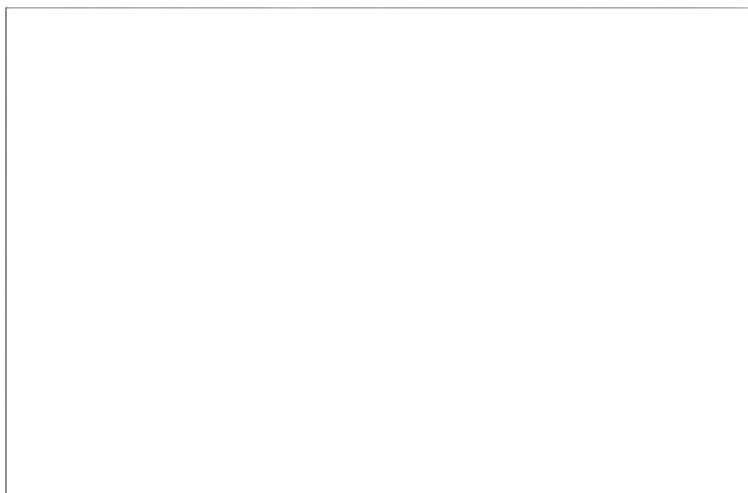
b. Both sides say that diplomatic relations will not be broken as a result, though this could come. Cairo has asked the Ethiopians to handle its affairs in the Congo for a while.

c. We have no further word about the Americans in Stanleyville. Some 30 odd Europeans were released in Wednesday's lightning capture of Uvira.

d. The sudden loss of Uvira has left the rebels in some disarray. One rumor has it that rebel commander Olenga has taken refuge in nearby Rwanda.

4. Bolivia

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5. UN Arrearages

a. The prospects are getting dimmer for favorable action by the General Assembly this year on the question of Soviet and French refusal to pay peacekeeping assessments.

b. The latest blow has been India's statement this week in support of the Soviet position.

c. The Soviets seem quite confident that a motion to deprive them of their voting rights would be defeated if it should come to a vote. The feeling is growing among the less-developed nations that the matter would best be left to a later session of the assembly.

d. There is even talk of postponing the opening of the assembly, now set for 10 November, in order to sidestep the issue.

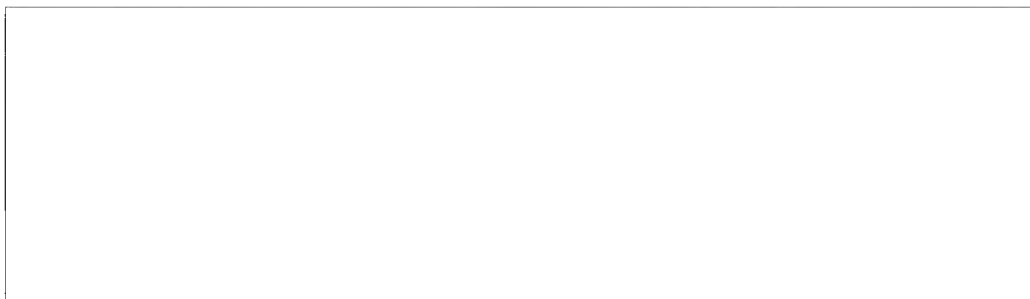
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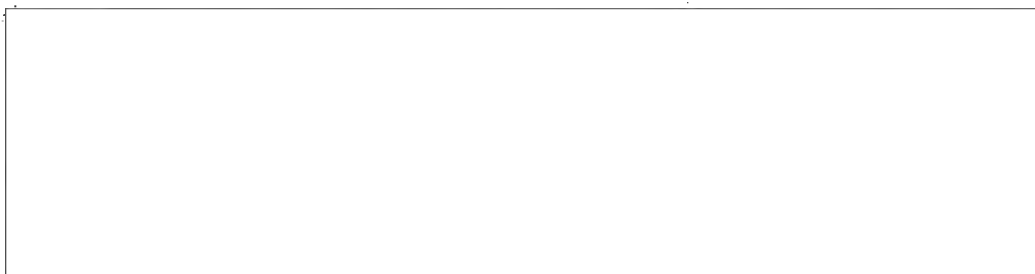
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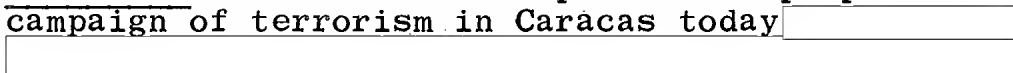
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B. Cuba Castro is beginning to apply the Communist system of standard wages and work norms to the Cuban peasant. The system was imposed on non-agricultural workers last November. In so doing the Cubans are ignoring a massive body of evidence that this system has not worked in other Communist lands.



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D. Venezuela The Communists plan to step up their campaign of terrorism in Caracas today



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- E. Israel-Syria The situation along the "black line" remains edgy. The Syrians fired at Israeli tractors on both Wednesday and Thursday as the Israelis continue to plow in the disputed area. So far, UN officials have managed to keep the lid on.
- F. Niger President Diori, whose regime has been shaken by a rash of antigovernment incidents, blames these on former premier Bakary and the Chinese Communists. Diori says he has seized infiltrators who were trained in Peiping as well as arms from Communist China. Bakari has been in touch with Communists since being run out of the country eight years ago, but we feel that Diori is exaggerating the extent of Chinese Communist involvement.

- H. West Germany - USSR A West German Foreign Ministry official says that preparations for an Erhard-Khrushchev meeting are at a virtual standstill. He indicated that, although the Chancellor had spoken of a January meeting, no specific date had thus far been discussed with the Soviets, and no further action had been taken on extending a formal invitation to Khrushchev.

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